MPs and MLAs members of the recently reconstituted Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at the State and District level, the Ministry of Rural Development has ensured that the elected representatives of State Legislature and Parliament perform a key role in supervision, vigilance and monitoring of all rural development programmes including those that are to be implemented through Panchayati Raj Institutions.

(b) and (c) As per Article 243Z of the Constitution, the powers to make provisions in respect of the composition of the District Planning Committees vest in the State Legislature.

(d) The review of the functioning of development programmes, including that of implementation through the Panchayati Raj Institutions, is a continuous process which is carried out on a continuous basis. The recently reconstituted State and District level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees are expected to further strengthen this process.

Rural Development schemes for Madhya Pradesh

3531. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the Rural Development schemes particularly relating to employment generation and Food for Work which are under implementation in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) funds earmarked and released so far for each of the Schemes;

(c) whether the funds have been released as per the demand of the State Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL) : (a) The Ministry of Rural Development implements two employment schemes—the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for generating self- employment and Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for providing wage employment and food security—for the benefit of the poor in rural areas of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) The details of funds allocated and released to the State of Madhya Pradesh under the SGSY and SGRY during the year 2002-2003 are given below :

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(Rs. in lakhs)

SGSY		SGRY	
Central allocation	Central release	Central allocation	Central release
3474.22	4232.53	21851.08	26872.02

(c) and (d) The Central funds have been released taking into account the demand, need, availability and in line with the guidelines of these schemes.

Wheat released to Uttaranchal under SGRY

†3532. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) quantity of wheat etc. demanded by the Government of Uttaranchal and wheat released so far to the State under Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) after commencement of relief works during the current year;

(b) reasons for delay in releasing wheat despite approval granted by the Task force constituted for this purpose; and

(c) details of steps taken to fulfil maximum formalities to release relief supplies under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU) : (a) A Central Team had visited the State of Uttaranchal to assess the drought situation during the year 2002. Based on the recommendations of the Team, 50,000 MTs of foodgrains comprising of 19,000 MTs of wheat and 31,000 MTs of rice was released to the State Government of Uttaranchal, free of cost under the Special Component of the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for taking up relief works during the year 2002-2003.

(b) and (c) The allocation of 50,000 MTs of foodgrains was recommended by the Task Force on Drought Management in its fifth meeting held on 11-10-2002 against which the Ministry of Rural Development issued release orders on 18-10-2002 to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) immediately on receipt of district-wise requirement of the approved quantity from the State Government.

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